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SEA AND AIR BATTLES ATTLE THE JAPANESE

Sampans Shelled

SINGAPORE SEIZES ENEMY SWIMMERS

CAPTURE of two Japanese swimmers in the Strait of Johore gave advance warning to the enemy's plans for attacking the island. Apparently the Japs hoped to repeat the methods employed in Hong Kong when specially trained swimmers made the first sortie by clearing the beach laid off-shore.

The Johore Strait has been heavily mined and the two Japs were caught by a British Indian troops were presumably engaged in clearing a passage for enemy craft.

Sampans which the Japs have assembled off the Johore mainland have been shelled by our artillery, since yesterday's Singapore communiqué.

General Percival, commander of the forces defending the island, declared yesterday: "We intend to hold Singapore. There is no question about it."

He admitted that uneasiness had been felt by the civilian population over the withdrawal from the island of certain units of the RAF, but explained that our aircraft could only operate from reasonably secure bases.

Help in defending the island, however, was now being received from places outside Singapore. The second week of the siege began yesterday with the usual early morning raid by high-flying planes which unloaded their bombs almost simultaneously and rained.

They were intercepted by our fighters who destroyed one aircraft, possibly destroyed another and damaged two more. All our fighters returned to their base.

Enemy gunfire across the strait increased, and for the first time shells fell in residential areas of Singapore.

Singapore newspapers carried warnings to the people that "the Japanese may land in small parties on the beach or by parachute at night." Citizens were urged to look out for the Japs.

The island has heard with astonishment that the Australian soldiers in Malaya are lighter than was first reported—183 dead, 39 wounded and 64 missing. It is thought that a good number of the missing may be alive.

SECRET MOVES
AGAINST JAPS

"HIEP" base for an Allied offensive in the Pacific and Far East may be Australia, said a report from Australia's War Minister, at the launching of a destroyer yesterday.

"I do not mean to imply that the Allies will allow themselves to be beaten into a corner by the Germans," he said, "but the decision was secretly carried out."

Many decisions were made by the Allies as they moved by four British planes.

SIGNS ARE GROWING THAT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF ALLIED REINFORCEMENTS AT STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE PACIFIC, GENERAL WAVELL CAN NOW HIT THE JAPANESE MARAUDERS WITH INCREASING VIOLENCE. ENEMY LOSSES, BOTH IN THE AIR AND AT SEA, ARE BEGINNING TO MOUNT TO SERIOUS PROPORTIONS.



BACK WITH THE GANG
After the unconditional surrender of the Axis garrison at Halafu, many British prisoners of interest, and here are some of them, still smiling, giving particulars of themselves to a military clerk.

RAF BATTERS ROMMEL'S LINES

Enemy Claims Gazala, 30 Miles From Tobruk

WHILE British G.H.Q. at Cairo yesterday said that "except for patrol activity on both sides there was no change in the land situation on Friday," the Italians claimed in their communiqué that their advanced units have reached El Gazala, 30 miles west of Tobruk.

The Italians also claimed re-occupation of the desert oasis of Gialo, taken by a surprise thrust by Indian forces on November 25 last. New Zealand troops played the main part in the recapture and capture of El Gazala, which was cleared of the enemy on December 15.

RAF HAS "GOOD DAY"
Our Cairo communiqué also said that British air forces had "another most satisfactory day" on Friday.

Fighters and medium bombers, it said, "accounted for a considerable number of enemy vehicles in the forward areas, while our heavy bombers ably supported the fighters and a number of more distant targets on the enemy's main lines of communication."

Details of these attacks were given in the RAF communiqué, which said that Thursday "was one of the most successful days of the campaign for our fighters and bombers."

Planes were started at Benghazi, one of which sank a transport; destroyers rescued the troops.

—Dixons, six suddenly lit by glowing red flares. Another air attack during which the convoy put up the defense, hoping to reach its position. Bombs fell within 50 yards.

—Daylight, another torpedo-plane attack.

—A few hours later, attack by submarines.

The reporter said nothing of the results of the last two attacks. Though he insisted that convoys

The Tokyo High Command are apparently becoming rattled. In an attempt to conceal the extent of their reverses, they are putting out fantastic claims of losses by the Allies.

One such frantic boast was that the entire Netherlands East Indies fleet had been sunk. The Dutch naval commander yesterday scotched this by announcing that his fleet was absolutely intact, at sea and ready for action.

At the same time the Dutch commander gave the news that one Japanese cruiser was sunk near Ambonia, to the west of New Guinea.

Another cruiser and a submarine were hit off Ambonia, though it was not possible to observe whether they sank.

A large enemy transport was hit by a heavy bomb and left sinking off the west coast of Borneo.

In the air the Japanese losses are far higher than the factors of the planes.

A Rangoon message last night says that over Burma alone the Japanese losses so far are put at 134 planes, with another 44 probably destroyed and 43 damaged.

In obtaining these successes we lost only 12 planes and another one damaged.

Of 24 Japanese planes which attacked the Rangoon airport yesterday, two were shot down and two others probably destroyed. All our bombers

Left Accurate Bombing
So serious are the enemy air losses that the Jap armament is probably being forced to risk their machines. Certain it is that enemy planes are now bombing from higher levels.

Extracts from yesterday's Batavia communiqué tell the story.

On a raid on Sourabaya bombs did "slight damage to the cookhouse of a naval base. No other damage was done to the naval base."

Two ships in a Dutch harbor were bombed. "Not one of the 55 bombs dropped hit the target."

A Dutch destroyer was attacked by seven enemy planes yesterday. Two were shot down and the warship did not sustain any damage or loss.

"An aerodrome on Bali has been bombed, but with little damage to material."

"A bombing attack on Macassar had little effect. American planes have joined in the good work against the Japs. When eight P-40 fighters were attacked near Bali by a greatly superior force of Japanese fighters and bombers, the Japanese got the worst of the exchange."

In the Philippines, where the Japs yesterday confined their activities to heavy gunfire and dive-bombing, two American planes took on four dive-bombers and shot one down without loss.

At least three enemy planes were shot down, says a U.S. War Department communiqué. One American plane was destroyed and another is missing.

RAF AT HELIGOLAND BIGHT, SAYS BERLIN
British bombers attempted to hit the Bight of Heligoland yesterday afternoon, the German News Agency said in Berlin.

They were engaged by German fighters, it was added. Four bombers were shot down, the agency said.

ITALIAN U-BOAT SUNK
In their war communiqué yesterday the Italians admitted the loss of a U-boat and claimed to have sunk a British submarine.

Enemy Aircraft Destroyed

BRITISH CONVOY BATTLES

TWO British convoys and their Navy and RAF escorts have just hit back so fiercely at German bombers that at least two raiders plunged into the sea and three were damaged.

The ships sailed on to port without a casualty and with only superficial damage to one merchantman.

A Dornier was shot down by the steamships Highweir and Heider. H.M.S. Leeds (former American destroyer) and H.M.S. Junco hit and damaged three others.

News of these battles was given in the following Admiralty communiqué last night:—

"On Thursday, two Dorniers attempted to attack a convoy among whose escort were H.M.S. Pichey and H.M.S. Mendy. The communiqué added:

"The enemy planes engaged by the ships and at first driven off, but later one Dornier succeeded in pressing home its attack."

"This aircraft was engaged at short range and shot down by steamships Highweir and Heider. It exploded on hitting the sea. There were no enemy survivors."

"The surviving Dornier was intercepted and engaged by RAF fighter aircraft on convoy escort and was seen by the ship of the escort to fall into the sea."

SECOND ATTACK
"On the following afternoon another convoy was twice unsuccessfully attacked. The first attack was by five Dorniers and one Junker."

"This force of enemy aircraft was engaged by H.M.S. Leeds and driven off."

"One Dornier was seen to be on fire, and another one which had set fire to its own engine and was seen to be on fire."

"The second attack was made by three Dorniers. One of them again driven off, and one Dornier was seen to be severely damaged by the gunfire of H.M.S. Pichey."

"Both these convoys reached their destinations without further incident."

MILLION U.S. AIRMEN

THE United States Air Force will be expanded to 1,000,000 men this year, and "double that number later on," the War Department said in a Washington yesterday.—Reuter

TORPEDOED CREW LAND IN CANADA

East Coast Canadian Port. Sunday.
Three lifelines, with upwards of forty-five survivors from a ship torpedoed off the Canadian coast, arrived here today.

The survivors, all British, said the ship was sunk without warning. Two of the lifelines were destroyed when the torpedo struck. Twenty-seven of the crew are still missing.

ROOSEVELT CALLS UP ALL RESERVES

Washington, Saturday.
President Roosevelt has called to the colours all organized reserves of the United States active military service.—Reuter.

Big Hun Comb-Out For More Troops

Somehow in Europe, Saturday.
ONE of the main purposes of Goering's recent visit to Italy, according to reports in diplomatic circles, was to secure Italian workers for employment in German industry.

The Nazi campaign for the recruitment of foreign labour is reported to be in full swing in the industrial districts of North-East France and around Metz.

The Germans are thus trying to overcome the difficulty of trained labour and raw materials to factories outside Germany and also to fill up the huge casualty lists of their own workers having to join the army.

By coming out the factories and calling up Germans resident abroad, Germany expects to have a further 2,000,000 soldiers to fight against Soviet Russia.

But the task of preparing for a

NAZI THROW IN RESERVES BUT GET NO RESPITE FROM ADVANCING RUSSIANS

Stavzhnev Crumbles: Garrison Doomed

ESPERATE Nazi efforts to stem the Soviet advance on the Eastern front, and to stabilise a line which a spring offensive could be launched, are failing. Reports reaching London last night from Reuter and A.P. correspondents in Moscow show that the general movement on the front is steadily westward.

War Supplies To Rommel VICHY TWO-WAY AD TO NAZIS

THE WHOLE ATTITUDE OF BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS THE VICHY GOVERNMENT MAY BE REVISED AS A RESULT OF FLAGRANT FRENCH ACTS OF UNEUTRALITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Durham's men are now using their colonies in the way they Africa to give two-way aid to the Axis.

It was supplies are being sent direct to Rommel through Tunisia.

"Of the French imports from North Africa to Marseilles, more than three-quarters are sent to the Axis."

Mr. Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, is expected to expose the whole Durham plot in a statement shortly in the Commons.

Meanwhile, the French Women's Minister of Penalties, indicated the Government's attitude in a speech at Amersfoort.

"We cannot afford to allow anyone," he said, "to assist the enemy in the way they apparently have been in the last week or two. But you can leave it in the hands of those conducting this country's affairs."

In Washington, Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State, said that Vichy had been invited to explain their attitude.

EAST COAST ROUTE
Reports have been received in London that French arms for Rommel are passing through the coast of Spain, across to Oran and then by rail to Tunis.

A man who was at Port Vendres, near the French-Spanish frontier, at the end of last month, said he saw a ship, formerly Danish, being loaded with anti-aircraft gun artillery, and ammunition.

Unconfirmed reports have it that supplies are also being sent from Spain to Morocco and then overland to Rommel.

In the case of imports from Africa to Marseilles, the Axis Commission take first pick for Germany and to a lesser degree for Italy. Most of the country sent to the Axis.

Even what is left does not always reach the French. Recently, 20 wagon-loads of potatoes left Marseilles, 16 for Germany and the rest for Lyons. The four never reached Lyons.

The man official simply altered the chucked-on destination and replaced it with the name of a German town.

That's the usual way consignments to French towns are handled," a Frenchman who has just left the country said.

That is childish to talk of Un-occupied France. There are few German uniforms there, but the French are being trained to do something down the Town Clerk himself, had to refer to the German masters.—B.U.P.

Black Market For Germs In Harsh-Scoured Pans

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MIRRO CLEANS SMOOTHLY, CAN'T LEAVE SCRATCHES TO HARBOUR GERMS

It is rumored that an army of some 30 divisions was being trained in Saxony and Silesia for use in the spring. But a very large proportion of these troops have been sent to the front already.

In some cases elite regiments are known to have been withdrawn from the front and sent to rest in preparation for the spring.

—Reuter.
[* Degenerate Nazi Drive for Man-Power, Page Five.]

The Nazi High Command is throwing new reserves into the central part of the front.

In vain. For in that sector the Red Armies have recovered many hamlets during the past few days.

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COMPANY MEETING

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY

The Thirty-Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Company was held on 26th February in London.

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FEW men know more of the dramas being played out under the Red Ensign than the Reverend Fred Cutts, Senior Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, Port of London. To his mission house in the heart of London's dockland come those heroes of the Merchant Service whose uniform more often than not is a dungeoned suit and a cloth cap. And here are some of their almost incredible narratives of the war at sea, as told by them to Mr. Cutts.

HIS NAME HEYWOOD, ABLE-SEAMAN TOM HEYWOOD. **HIS BUILD** BRONZED, AND **HIS HAIR** LARGE, BROWN. **HIS CAPABLE HANDS**, A QUIET HOMELY MAN. **BUT HE HAS BEEN** TWICE COMMENDED FOR BRAVERY, AND **HAS FIGURED IN ONE OF THE GREATEST RESCUE DRAMAS OF THE WAR.**

Tom came back to the Mission a few weeks ago, saying he was short of gear and told me his story. He was haggard, dazed, and his eyes were bloodshot.

"Thank God," he said simply, "I won't be spending another night like the last."

He sat on the couch there, long straight, and began rambling into the pockets of his reefed jacket, and plunged into his tale.

It seemed that his ship, with a million in machinery aboard, was being waylaid by the North Sea squalls, when a Nazi diver-bomber on the look for a prey plummeted out of the clouds, circled for an attack, and dropped her bombs from maddest level.

By a miracle they missed, but raised huge fountains of spray. The sides of the ship were hit, and she staggered under the concussion, rapidly lost speed, and finally wallowed to a stop.

The crew did what they could, but they could not do much. The general shake-up had jolted the engines. It seemed the ship could neither steam, steer nor anchor.

Back Broken

All that Saturday night he rolled through the gale-swept wastes like a drunken sailor, and at dawn on Sunday stuck fast on the treacherous sands of Hamoyni, 12 miles from Yarmouth.

The ship, in the maw of the quicksands, settled fast. Soon her keel was broken. Soon heavy seas were battering her and she was scoping out her cargo.

Soon her decks were churning torrents of foam into which no man ventured who valued his life. But the chief engineer, who had been sitting in the lifeboat, came back to the ship, and he was the only one who had not been washed overboard.

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four of the crew had jammed themselves together in a huddled mass on the bridge—their last haven of refuge.

Forty-four men who had been up to their waists in ice-cold water, and who were soaked, hungry, and who were chilled to the bone, stood there and watched death creep over them.

Hope had gone when suddenly a skipper came to the rescue. He was a cock that was tossed like a cork in the white-flecked sea. There was a moment of breathless suspense. Then he spoke:

"I'm making for a lifeboat and she's making for a lifeboat."

And a lifeboat, it was—none other than that famous Cromer crew, whose rescues are now an act of lifeboat history.

The crew cheered wildly and settled down tensely to watch the drama of their rescue.

But the cheer had come too soon. The ship was still in the maw of the quicksands, and she was still settling fast.

Four times the Cromer boat got near enough to throw her a rope, but four times the rope broke, and four times the quicksands closed in.

But, built for just such an emergency, the crew righted itself. A buoy was thrown to the swimmers, and all one were won.

Their hours of struggle, their terrible dunking, had left the lifeboatmen too weak and exhausted to continue the struggle. Signaling their intention to be back at dawn they sailed away.

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threw the crew a rope. This time it held.

Some of the crew jumped straight into the lifeboat. Tom told me, "others slipped down the side. They had to pull them up by their hair. They pulled them up by their hair."

The adventure of Tom Heywood ends there. But he is not the only one who has been rescued by the crew of the Red Ensign.

I could tell you stories of the most famous of the crew who have been rescued by the crew of the Red Ensign.

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By The Rev. FRED CUTTS
(Senior Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen, Port of London)

AS TOLD TO STANLEY BUCHANAN

Cloth-capped Heroes Make Deep-sea History Under The Red Ensign

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wasn't very talkative. I got the story afterwards from one of his crew.

Apparently they were steaming down the East Coast when they noticed two grey shapes swimming along in a swirl of froth and foam. They were E-boats, and they took up positions on either side of the ship.

Captain Owen danced with excitement. He set his ship in a zig-zag course and bawled to George the gunlayer.

"They're after us. Ole the hell, men, get them hell!"

A torpedo missed them by a yard, but the skipper hardly noticed it. He kept dancing his giddy fandango and pleading on scenes to give the crew a rest.

Cooly George took aim. There was an explosion, a flash of blue smoke, one of the E-boats vanished completely.

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Dear Sirs, I would like to express my appreciation to the wonderful way your MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder has helped me.

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